

Chief Executive

- ; **Industry Leadership Role**
- ; **Growth, Support, Regulation**
- ; **Dynamic and Challenging Position**
- ; **Christchurch H/O**



Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ) is the governing and administrative body for 40 harness racing clubs nationwide, and oversees 245 race meetings across 35 venues each year for stakes in excess of \$33.5M. The Chief Executive interacts directly with all industry stakeholders; these include: Harness Racing Clubs, Breeders, Owners, Trainers, Drivers, NZ Racing Board, Racing Integrity Unit, NZ Thoroughbred Racing, Greyhound Racing NZ, sector groups and kindred bodies, Harness Racing Australia, International Harness Racing bodies, and the media.

This is a challenging and exciting time to take the HRNZ reins as the racing industry responds to the Messara Report, commissioned by the Racing Minister. Reporting to the Board and Standing Committees, the Chief Executive is responsible for overseeing the smooth running and development of HRNZ's services, administration, and operational functions, including Finance, Information Technology, Handicapping, Registrations, Racing & Communications, Education, Marketing, Health and Safety, and Animal Welfare. The position requires strong strategic and people leadership to realise HRNZ's vision of "harnessing excitement, service, integrity, and prosperity for our stakeholders and customers".

The appointee needs to have previous experience of successfully leading an organisation through a period of change, be able to deal with the complexity and politics in relation to multiple stakeholder views and expectations, and to grow HRNZ's already strong service culture. The appointee will have a track record of leading high performing teams, be an excellent communicator both written and verbal, and confident in building positive media relationships. An interest and understanding of the harness racing and/or equine industries is preferred but is not essential. A competitive remuneration package will be offered that acknowledges the strategic leadership and commercial qualities the appointee will bring to HRNZ.

Application process:

To apply in confidence please contact Hamish Ott, Recruitment Consultant; email hamish@gothamuniversal.co.nz or initial confidential enquiries by telephone 0274321172

For more information visit <http://www.hrnz.co.nz>

The final close off date for applications is 17 November 2018